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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Sir:

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It is respectfully requested that the listed documents:

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- (2) be made of record therein; and
- (3) appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The following marked paragraphs are applicable in this IDS.

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- ☒ (3): before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; **OR**
- ☐ (4): before the mailing date of a first Office Action associated with a request for continued examination (RCE) under 1.114;

AND, thus, no certification or fee is required.

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- ☐ D. In addition to the attached listing, accompanying this IDS is a legible copy of each listed:
- (1) foreign patent document;
 - (2) pending unpublished U.S. application OR that portion of the application that caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; AND
 - (3) non-patent document or that portion thereof that caused it to be listed;
 - (4) other information or that portion that caused it to be listed.
- ☐ E. Consistent with 37 CFR 1.98(d), because the IDS submitted in parent U.S. Patent Application No. _____, to which this application claims priority per 35 U.S.C. 120, complies with 37 CFR 1.98(a) to (c), copies of the patent documents, non-patent

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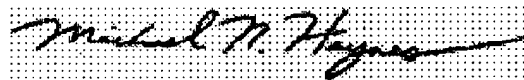
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CONCLUSION

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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